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Response dated 11 November 2003  
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**Remarks**

**Allowable Subject Matter and Claim Amendments**

In the Office Action, it was stated that Claims 3, 6, and 10 contained allowable subject matter and that Claims 13 through 16 were allowed.

In this response, rather than amending Claim 3 to recite the limitations of Claim 1, from which it depended, Claim 1 itself has been amended to incorporate the limitation formerly recited in Claim 3, which has been cancelled.

Similarly, rather than amending Claim 6 to recite the limitations of Claim 4, from which it depended, Claim 4 itself has been amended to incorporate the limitation formerly recited in Claim 6, which has been cancelled.

**Claim Rejections – 35 USC § 103**

**Claims 1-2, 5-5, 7-9, and 11-12 over Johnson '638 in view of Kohler '541 and Heller '031**

Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the limitation previously recited in Claim 3 and thereby make Claim 1 allowable as amended. Claim 3 has been cancelled.

Claim 2 depends from Claim 1 and therefore is now allowable in light of the amendment of Claim 1.

Claim 4 has been amended to incorporate the limitation previously recited in Claim 6 and thereby make Claim 4 allowable as amended. Claim 6 has been cancelled.

Claims 5 and 7-11 depend from Claim 4 and therefore are now allowable in light of the amendment of Claim 4.

Claim 12 has been cancelled.

Therefore, the rejections under 35 USC § 103 have been fully addressed.

Following the cancellation of Claims 3, 6, and 12, Claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 7 through 11, and 13 through 16 remain pending.

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**Request for Admission of Amendment After Final Action**

The admission of the claim cancellations and claims amendments of this response is respectfully requested in accordance with 37 CFR § 1.116. It is believed that this response places the subject Application in condition for allowance. Furthermore, it is respectfully noted that this response could not have been presented earlier in light of the fact that no explanation of the rejections of Claims 3, 4, 8, 10, and 11 was previously provided, as was pointed out in the reply to the previous Office Action.

**Request for Allowance**

In light of the above amendments and remarks, it is requested that the claim rejections be reconsidered and withdrawn and that the pending claims be allowed.

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